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Memorandum

Date: September 9, 1999
To: BDAC Governance Work Group
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Subject: September 14, 1999 Work Group Meeting

The next BDAC Governance Work Group meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 14, 1999, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. in room 1131 of the Resources Building, 1416 Ninth Street Sacramento. The primary objectives of the meeting are:

- Discuss long-term governance proposal for CALFED governance
- Identify areas of agreement and disagreement regarding long-term governance

Until recently, the primary focus of governance has been on the Ecosystem Restoration Program. However, as you know, BDAC and Policy Group both requested that a proposal for ERP governance be developed in coordination with the overall CALFED governing structure in order to provide the linkage needed between program governance and overall governance.

To serve as a starting point for discussion, CALFED asked the California Environmental Trust (CET) to draft a governance proposal which is attached. The draft proposal should help guide the discussion at the Work Group meeting, but is not considered the only option on the table.

At the meeting, the Work Group will be asked to respond to the questions included in the draft proposal and the following questions.

1. Is a new more formal entity needed to serve the CALFED oversight functions?
2. What should be the duties and powers of a CALFED Commission? What is its role and responsibilities for program management of the ERP and the other program elements?
3. Can the three levels of functions (oversight, program management, and direct implementation) be housed within one organization/entity and still provide adequate and independent oversight?

CALFED Agencies

California The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board
Department of Food and Agriculture

Federal Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Geological Survey
Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. Forest Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service
Western Area Power Administration

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4. What is the appropriate balance between providing for -- the autonomy of the individual programs to meet their objectives and the program integration and balance between the program areas? What, if any, is the appropriate level of autonomy for the ERP?
5. Can the governing structure of the ERP be successfully housed in a new oversight entity or is a new separate ERP entity or existing entity needed?
6. How can the principle for state and federal partnership be best provided in a governing structure?

Attachment